

NOTICE



SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS

On the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Beginning Aug. 31st, 2023, until further notice!



<u>Campfires:</u> Allowed only in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread, at a minimum clear of all flammable material within a radius of 3 feet from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Use existing pits wherever possible.



<u>Wood Burning Stoves:</u> Equipped with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length with a spark-arresting screen consisting of ½ inch mesh hardware cloth are allowed.



<u>Portable Cooking Stoves:</u> Using liquefied or bottled gas are allowed and must have all combustible material removed within a 5-foot radius of the perimeter of the stove.

To reduce the risk of escaped fires the following are required for Campfires, charcoal briquette fires, wood stoves, portable cook stoves, portable fire pits, and gas stoves:

- > Campfires must be attended at all times, and completely extinguished prior to leaving!
- > Persons with campfires are required to have a tool that can serve as **a shovel** and **one gallon of water** in their possession.
- Use of Charcoal briquettes is permitted under the same guidelines as campfires described above.
- Within designated wilderness areas users are encouraged to locate campfires such that minimal disturbance would be necessary to meet the clearing requirements identified. Naturally cleared areas, previously used sites, and areas where vegetation is non-flammable (green grass) are examples. Possession of a typical backpacking folding shovel (commercially available) meets the intent of a tool as described above.

Separate rules apply within a ¼ mile of the Wild and Scenic portions of the Snake River and Grande Ronde River (<u>fs.usda.gov/alerts/wallowa-whitman/alerts-notices</u>).

For more information on public-use restrictions, contact your local Forest Service office or visit our websites:

http://bmidc.org/restrictions.shtml or www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman http://bluemountainfireinfo.blogspot.com/

Call 911 to report a forest fire!